Howland Wood - Curatorial

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Personal. Thinking you might be interested in it I am sending you under another cover a record of my American-English Wood Family

DR. CASEY WOOD
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DR. CASEY WOOD
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Mr. Howland Wood
Curator Am. Numismatic Soc.
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood: –

I am much pleased to hear of your progress in disentangling the knotty questions of the Larius. Both Still and I will be intensely interested in your solutions of the problems that certainly underlie the unique find. I am sending Still your letter to read and we both regard with satisfaction the contrast between your ready manner of tackling the difficult job and the laissez-faire methods of the British Museum and other supposed English experts who held the coins for several years – and did nothing!

With kind regards
Sincerely yours

Casey A. Wood

March 1, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I was very much interested in your letter of the other day. You have opened up a question that I have hesitated in asking you; namely, why you have not had someone in Ceylon or England tackle this job. If you do not mind, I would like to know who you have approached. I am really surprised that you could not locate someone in England who was willing to do it.

I have made one or two more partly interesting discoveries but I am still looking for the find to throw a little more light on certain problems.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 1, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have just received the copy of the Wood Family that you so kindly sent on to me. I have looked into this subject a little and have come across accounts of various families of Wood in New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York and Long Island but have never been able to connect my own ancestry up with any of these. All I have been able to work out is five generations, all of whom were born and lived in South Dartmouth county or South eastern Massachusetts. I am appending a list of these.

When a small boy there was described to me the Wood coat of arms, which was three nude semi-savages with clubs over their shoulders on a red background. I understand this coat of arms was granted to William Wood, philanthropist of the London fire and Wood Street in London was named after him. Most of the arms if any of the Wood family seem to be a tree. Also I was once told the name of Wood was derived from Norman sources and was originally DeVode and later became Wode, Woode, Wood. This was told me when a small boy and at that time I was too young to quiz the person more fully and today I know of no one who has any facts concerning the family.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

April 8, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Through an oversight that sometimes happens, I forgot to enclose day before yesterday in my letter to you your letter from John Still. I trust it will get into this enclosure.

Also, we received yesterday the two packages you sent, namely, the book and data relating tothe Gampola hoard and your coins. The first I know I will read with much interest, though most of the books themselves I have. The coins I am now looking through and will report to you later. Again I want to thank you for your kindness in sending these on.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 13, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I mailed you yesterday an official acknowledgment of those coins of Ceylon that we have kept for our collection. Today I am sending back the remaining coins. Apparently the box seems as full as ever. We helped ourselves quite bountifully from the collection and took only those pieces we did not have. Again I want to thank you for your kindness and consideration in letting us pick from these. I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

DR. CASEY WOOD
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

2 May 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

This will acknowledge the receipt of the Sinhalese coins which I have decided to turn over to the McGill Museum.

I was very much interested in your preliminary notes on the Gampola hoard and when you have finally concluded your investigations it will give me great pleasure to read the typed or printed report on them.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Casey A. Wood

CW:DB

May 9, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have just received your letter and was on the point of writing you. For several days now I have been cataloguing the larins and I am laying out those I wish to have drawings made of and those I wish to have photographed. The more I have been working on these the more comprehensive I think I will make the monograph and make my remarks and notes as full as possible, as this will be the first real account of larins. I will probably be most of the summer, if not all of it, on this. I intend to send you a copy of the manuscript and possibly, if you think best, a copy to Mr. John Still. Therefore it would be just as well to give me your address if you should leave California, as presumably you will this summer.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

DR. CASEY WOOD
295 WIGMORE DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Sept 1/32

Dear Mr. Wood: —

How is the monograph on the Larius Selling on and when may we expect to see the report in print?

I have just had this inquiry made me by Mr. John Still, so I pass it on to you.

Hoping you had a pleasant summer vacation

I remain

Sincerely yours

Casey A. Wood

Mr. Howland Wood
Am. Numismatic Soc.
New York.

September 5, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I was most glad to hear from you. I had been working steadily on the larins up to the first of July. Then I had a spell of being under the weather and have been taking it easy and have been on my vacation since then. I am about through this and will be back in harness in a few days. After clearing up a lot of routine matter I am planning to get back on this interesting subject. The catalogue is virtually all done, though I am going through this again eliminating certain things etc. I have also here and there made a stab at the introduction. That will take up many phases. I have photographed several hundred of the pieces and will take up next having drawings made of those that could not be photographed, especially the inside legends. There is still much work to be done but I absolutely cannot say when it will be finished, but as far as I can see there will be no especial delays on it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 18, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

As you are probably desirous to know how I am getting along I am herewith reporting. I have about finished the catalogue of the larins. By this I mean that I am now reviewing it and bring it into final shape. This catalogue is now being type written. The introduction, conclusions etc. I have worked on a little, but have much to do on this. I have photographed virtually all the varieties that can be photographed and I am having an artist make drawings of those I could not photograph properly. I am also beginning to arrange these for making plates. I am hurrying up on this end as our plate maker is very anxious to get additional work as soon as possible. It has seemed as if everything has interfered this fall with my concentrating on this find.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

DR. CASEY WOOD
295 WIGMORE DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Twenty-First October
1 9 3 2

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Very glad to have yours of September 5, and to learn how splendidly you are getting on with the larines. I shall be greatly interested - as will Mr. John Still - in the final publication.

Owing to the unsatisfactory state of my wife's health, we intend to sail from San Pedro (Los Angeles) on December 5th - "President Van Buren" - for the Far East, to reach Naples about the end of April. If we like it we shall remain in Ceylon for a month or two as we expect to arrive in Colombo on January 23. Our forwarding address after we sail is Authors' Club, London. S W 1, 2 Whitehall Court.

If there is anything that you care to write me about I shall always be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Casey A. Wood

CW:DF

(which calls for a decided change of scene, a long sea voyage and a rest from domestic cares)

October 26, 1932.

Dr. Casey Wood
290 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Your letter just at hand and I note that you are leaving on an extended trip. I was planning to submit the manuscript to you but as I much doubt if I would have it in proper shape before you leave I may have to think twice about this. However, I will let you know again when it is nearer completion. I really suppose you would like to see it before it goes to print. I trust this trip will be of much benefit to your wife and that you will have a most enjoyable time as well. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

M:JG

Curator

DR. CASEY WOOD
295 WIGMORE DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Twenty-Eighth October
1 9 3 2

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, New York.

Dear Howland Wood:

Evidently our letters have crossed. This one will, however, confirm my extreme interest in your study of the larins and to express the hope that nothing further will interfere with the completion of your task. I also wish to confirm the fact of our sailing for the Far East on December 5 and that my permanent forwarding address is after that date Authors' Club, 2 Whitehall Court, London, S. W. 1, England.

Sincerely yours,

Casey A. Wood

CW:DB

DR. CASEY WOOD
295 WIGMORE DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

First November
1 9 3 2

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, New York.

Dear Howland Wood:

My departure for the Far East on December 5 need not cause any difficulty because Mr. John Still, Walden, Pondtail Road, Fleet, Hants., England, will, I am sure, read and make any relevant suggestions on your larins manuscript to better purpose than I. If, however, you would send me, when you submit the document for his criticism, a carbon copy to my forwarding address, Authors' Club, 2 Whitehall Court, London, S. W. 1, I shall eventually get it. I assure you I shall be much interested in the contents.

I would also like about 25 reprints of the published article. Will you also send Mr. Still a like number for distribution.

I am sorry to be obliged to leave even for a few months this delectable climate and all the joys that go with it - but the Fates have so willed it.

Wishing you all good things,

Very sincerely yours,

Casey A. Wood

CW:DB

I have also written Mr. Still as above — Casey.

November 28, 1932.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wigmore Drive
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

This is just a word to wish you Godspeed and a most enjoyable journey for yourself and Mrs. Wood. I will communicate with you at your forwarding address in London as occasion arises. I have been making decided progress but have not got the manuscript in sufficient shape to send it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 16, 1933.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
Authors' Club
2 Whitehall Court
London, S. W. 1.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I suppose you have been wondering what has become of me. The truth of the matter is that towards the end of the year I had to drop the larin matter and attend to my regular duties on account of reports, annual meeting and the natural closing up of a year's work. I have now virtually finished the work and I am sending you under separate cover to London the duplicate manuscript; another copy I am sending to Mr. John Still.

In a few days I go into a hospital for an operation for ulcers on the duodenim and in consequence will be out several weeks. On this account I hurried up my manuscript. When I get back I will whip up the introduction into a little better shape as I am not wholly satisfied with English, etc. Also, there are one or two other minor matters I wish to discuss. I wish when you receive this manuscript you would look carefully through it and make any suggestions that occur to you. In the catalogue part I have indicated with a red mark those pieces that we would like to retain in our own collection. In nearly every instance they are duplicate pieces but there are a few that I consider that as the Society produced the article those pieces should be here. This I took up with you in my previous letter in which you thought the same as I did.

Do you want me in the monograph to make any statement of where the various pieces are and also let me know what disposal you want made of the pieces we are not keeping. Shall I make a selection of one of each that remain for McGill and shall I send them there or hold them until further notice from you. Also, do you want any of the other duplicates distributed to other museums? If so, let me know and about how many to each?

The next question is what do you want done with the remaining duplicates? In some numbers there will be quite a lot. Do you want us to try to sell these from time to time, should they go to McGill, or should we hold them here?

There is one piece marked "Property of Mrs. Frank Adams". What should be done with this?

I will try to write a little summary of the hoard to go into the introduction before I go to the hospital. This is not vital but it would be well to round out with such a thing.

You will note that we have already made the illustrations and I think you will find these are very creditable. They virtually illustrate every worthwhile piece.

I trust the way I have handled the matter meets with your approval. There has been no one complete account on larins andiin my introduction I try to give a brief review of the whole field. If you want any changes or additions please say so. As you know, there is always a slight chance I will not come out of the hospital but things are in good enough shape I feel for its publication.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 24, 1933.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
Hotel Suisse
Kandy, Ceylon.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Your letter enclosing a photograph of the pot just at hand and I can make use of this for the frontispiece. I am working on the last coins that you sent me and I am adding to the introduction a few new side lights that I have thought up in the meantime. Also, I am trying to work up a little further commentary on the designs and you might say the ambitions of the die cutters that made these dies for the larins. I will be much interested in what Mr. Biddell has to say. I am also starting in to make the selections for Colombo, McGill, Mr. Still, etc. The Kandy museum got the pot, but have they any of the larins from this hoard? I am interested to know as I would like to get some idea of the total number that was in the hoard.

Very truly yours,

HN:JG

Curator

June 9, 1933.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
Hotel Suisse
Kandy, Ceylon.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have this day gotten off to the Colombo Museum 30 specimens of the larins. I have also sent to John Still 20 specimens. I have endeavored to make each group as representative as possible. I have informed both that these are a gift from you.

I have not sent the allotment to the McGill University as I thought that it would come much better accompanied with the book on the subject. Also, you did not direct me to whom to send these.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Replying to yrs. of Aug 2/33 received a day before we sailed on this Stoomvaart.

In the Suez Canal, Sept 8/33

a/b m.s. „Johan van Oldenbarnevelt"

Sept 8/33.

Dear Howland Wood:-

Many congratulations on your final conquest of the larin Ms. We all - including those much interested people, Dr. Pearson of the Colombo Mus., Dr. Andreas Nell of the Kandy Museum and common friend Biddell, with whom I had animated talks on the subject shortly before we took ship. Nell intends to display his larins with an appropriate legend in front of the original container!

May Brama and Vishnu incline the hearts

of both Editor and printer to the publication at an early date.

How we [L.L.E. wife and niece] hated to leave Ceylon, but they will, I am sure, be consoled by an autumn & winter in Italy — & so will the subscriber if he finds certain original MSS. and drawings at Bologna that he is told are secreted there — and is able to translate their textual medieval Italian into American.

Also, if the U.S.A. holds a respectable buying power — there's the rub. Hoping you had a good vacation & are feeling better than ever.

Always yours

C. A. W.

November 22, 1953.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
%Authors' Club
2 Whitehall Court
London, S. W. 1, England.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I wish to apologize for not replying to your last letter and in fact for not keeping in better touch with you. The chief reason, I have had nothing to report. After I turned the manuscript in it was carefully reread and checked which naturally takes a little time. It was also held up as there were several other articles being prepared for publication. It was also delayed but not held up until we received further reports on available funds. I do not have to tell you that the funds? play quite a part today. However, everything is now going along; the manuscript has been sent to the printer and from now on there should be very little delay.

I have exchanged several letters with Mr. Biddell and I am trading a few of the larins for a number of Ceylon pieces that he has and we lack. I hope to now keep in more frequent touch with you. I trust that you are enjoying Europe and that our rash monetary situation is not handicapping you too much.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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DR. CASEY WOOD
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
PIAZZA DI SPAGNA
ROME

Dec 13. 33

Dear Howland Wood:

Very glad to hear from you again, & to hear that the Carin Ms. is in a fair way for publication.

We are very nicely settled here for the winter, I doing some medico-historical work & trying to keep in touch with old friends. I am mailing you a separate of my last screed that may interest you.

If the American dollar does not decrease in value too much we may go to Egypt in the Spring on our way to England but the financial mystery is too deep for my shallow brain — so we just sit tight & wait.

Everybody concerned is delighted over your handling of the Zamora find. It redounds to your infinite credit as a numismatist

and a man of judgment.

Even John Still thinks you sent him more coins than he deserved; in fact everybody is satisfied! Rather a rare state of affairs isn't it? I wonder if that list includes our procrastinating friend of the British Museum.

Wishing you a very Merry Xmas

Cordially yours

Casey A. Wood

January 2, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
American Express Co.
Piazza Di Spagna
Rome, Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have just finished reading the page proof of the larin article so that it's now only a matter of days before it is printed and I will send you your copies to Rome. I will send a copy to Biddell, so you do not have to bother. Can you look after John Still? I will also send to Nelson Wright and Codrington. I have been having quite a correspondence with Biddell and he has been a great help. Also I have traded him some of the larins and have gotten in return many nice Sinhalese coins that we did not have. Shall you or shall I send copies to the Kandy and the Colombo museums? Let me know as there is no need of both sending. I will look after the B. M. as they are on our mailing list. Also, shall you or I send a copy to McGill? I have not sent them the larins as I did not think it would do any good until the book was out.

Since my operation I have had my ups and downs. Possibly I have tried to do too much and then found I got a set-back and had to slow up. I have largely rewritten my article as the first copy sent you was rather hastily thrown together and there has been much correcting and polishing up of the language. This has caused some of the delay. Also, as I think I told you, we held it up for a little while in order to make sure that we had the funds available. We had them but the uncertainty of the future made our governing body cautious for a few months.

I have just received today your latest "Through Forest and Jungle in Kashmir". I will read this at my first opportunity. Many thanks for sending it on. I don't blame you for being perturbed about the American dollar. I don't think it will sink much lower but any office boy is as good a prognosticator as anyone today.

Since I tackled the Gampola find I have been studying other classes of larins and have been getting together a number from other sources and if I keep on we will have far the best collection of every kind of larin that there is, thanks to the start and incentive of someone known as Dr. Casey A. Wood.

January 2, 1934.

I have one request to make, and that is, on the completion of your European wanderings you should land at the Atlantic seaboard and pay us a visit. I would like to show you our collection but chiefly I would like to meet the person I have been corresponding with so satisfactorily the past year or so.

I haven't offered any Harins to the B. M. but later will try to make a trade with them for some other things. However, by that time all the best ones will have been absorbed.

Wishing you the best that the year 1934 will offer, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 20, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
American Express Company
Piazza Di Spagna
Rome, Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood:

The Larin article has been printed and the copies have been delivered to us. I have not sent any to you as yet because I was awaiting your reply to my letter of January 2nd. In case my letter went astray I am herewith enclosing a copy of it. My real true fears, however, are that you might have been sick. I hope this is not so. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of this monograph. The rest will follow as soon as I hear from you as to where you want them sent, also if we should send any out for you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

DR. CASEY WOOD
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
PIAZZA DI SPAGNA
ROME

Mar 6/34

Dear Howland Wood:-

You were nearly correct in your telepathic guess; I have been somewhat indisposed & my correspondence, including yours of Jany 17th has been wofully neglected.

I am much pleased to learn that the separates of your truly monumental monographs are in the post, & I hasten to say: Pls. send John Still his reprints direct to Walden, Pondtail Road, Fleet, Hants, England. Ditto Secretary of the Kandy Museum, Kandy, Ceylon and Colombo Museum, Colombo, Ceylon with brief notes of explanation. I wd. be extremely grateful if you will also deal direct - brief note also - with the Librarian McGill University, 3459 McTavish St. Montreal, with both separates & such larins as you care to send them. A Do unto the B.M. as seemeth best to you. They dont deserve any. Perhaps they dont care a stiver (or a larin) whether you

you donate any or not - à la britannique.

It will give me great satisfaction to have some separates of the monograph as I have quite a few friends - ~~who~~ not on any of yr. lists who will appreciate them.

Hope you are steadily improving since your operation. As I said before, take care of yourself; there is only one of you!

Very cordially

Casey A. Wood

We have about decided to leave here for London ~~about~~ the middle of May. Our address there is

March 17, 1954.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
American Express Co.
Piazza Di Spagna
Rome, Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Your letter just at hand and I am sending you the balance of your copies of the Gampola Hoard. I trust you received the first copy sent you and that it meets with your approval. I have had several favorable comments on this work. As yet it is too early to have received reports from India and Ceylon. I have sent ten larins to the British Museum on a trading basis only - they are getting nothing free. All my correspondence the past year has been with a new assistant, a Mr. John Walker, who appears to be a very live wire. I received the other day a half-hearted praise from Mr. John Allan, who I think I have already told you I know very well. He said he wanted to compliment me very much for getting so much out of an unpromising looking lot. Between you and me, he has said an awful lot in a few words, if you want to read between the lines. It all depends whether you have any imagination or not!

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Permanent Forwarding address:

Dr. Casey Wood,
Author's Club
2, Whitehall Court
London, England.

New York address: —
Care Dr. George Iles
Hotel Chelsea
222 W. 23rd St.

After July, 1934:

California Institute of Technology,
Pasadena,
California
U.S.A.

Mr. Howland Wood
Am. Numismatic Soc.
156th St. N.Y.
April 9.34

Dear Howland Wood: —

I am miles behind in my correspondence and to help clear the decks before sailing (vide infra) I have resorted, in part, to typed matter! ¶ I have to report the receipt of my separates and your very welcome letter of March 17th. ¶ All the dispositions of farm's and monographs are very satisfactory to me, and I hope to meet you in N.Y. about May 15th. Pls. let me know to above address [where I shall not put up, with my family, but in some far-up-town hotel] if you will be in your official residence on and about that date. I shall certainly look you up.

¶ Well, I have some inter linear perception, also a vague sense of humor. The combinations make me itch to get even with friend J. Allan and Sir Richard Burn — those self-sufficient, lazy Britishers! To hades with the former's high-handed remarks, say I.

¶ When I interrupted my congenial work at Caltec and we sailed from California Decr., 1932, I had at least three definite plans in view, (a) to collect in the Far East, especially in Ceylon, items to illustrate the progress of Ayurvedic Medicine (A.D. 1200-1800) for the Medical Museum of McGill University; (b) to gather MSS. and books for the two chief Zoological libraries (Blacker and E.S.W.) of the

University and (c) to arrange with the Ceylon Government for a continuation of the three first parts of that now well-known and financially successful publication "THE COLOURED PLATES OF THE BIRDS OF CEYLON", for which it had been my privilege to supply the original paintings made for the purpose by Mr. G. M. Henry.

Further, all being well, I hoped, if and when we settled in Rome for the winter 1933-1934 to begin a (probable) two-years task of arranging, compiling and translating the first systematic, complete, WRITTEN work on the Eye and its Diseases, a 300-page Codex by one Ali ibn-Isa, a Christian Oculist living in Bagdhad about 978-1040 A.D.

Although certain Latin, French and German writers of repute had done their share of recording the advanced work of this Arabian eye doctor nobody had been reckless enough to render it into English. As I had done something in this line before by publishing a translation from the Medieval Latin of the first PRINTED work (A.D. 1474) on a similar subject I MIGHT tackle this other job.

Then came lightning out of a clear blue sky. When we left Penang in 1932 I had a severe attack of sciatica which staid with me more or less during the following six months. I was barely able to crawl off the boat and was obliged to (?) rest at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo for 10 days before I could be moved to our objective point in the hills, Kandy.

Despite the twinges and occasional recurrences of the wretched disease I was able, during the following 10 months in Ceylon, to carry out project; (a),(b) and (c) and when we landed (Sept. 1933) in Genoa I had almost forgotten my old enemy, sciatica.

Finally, we settled, a happy party of three, in the Hotel de Russie, Rome and I turned to (d), i.e. to Ali ibn Isa and a medieval (Arabic) copy of his codex in the Vatican Library, where I was assigned a research seat.

During the recent Roman Spring rains I had, to my infinite disgust, another sharp sciatic spree from which I am, I trust, recovering. [Anyw y y little trouble is among the small concerns of a sad world].

I am, however, warned that I must in future avoid rain, cold, damp, fog, etc. and seek as a residence some dry, warm, sunshiny locality.

"What about returning to California", said my family? To which I add, "possibly with stopovers for New York and Montreal?"

I have shut up shop at the Vatican and we shall probably once more take to the high seas from Naples, sometime in May.

After a sojourn in Pasadena I MAY return to a study of Ali ibn-Isa's MEMORANDUM BOOK FOR EYE-DOCTORS but it is said we are all in the hands of the Fates. If this be true who knows what tangled web Lachesis may be weaving for

Most sincerely yours

Casey A. Wood

May 9, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
%Dr. George Iles
Hotel Chelsea
222W. 23rd St.
New York City.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Your letter from Italy came to hand a short while ago. I will be most glad to see you and certainly would want you to look me up, or I would take pleasure in looking you up after I know where you will be. I will be at the museum any week day except I generally take Tuesday or Thursday off but never can tell until the time. I am always in all day on Wednesdays. Our museum is uptown on Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets and my telephone number is Audubon 3-4141. Trusting to see you soon, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 16/'24

160 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH
NEW YORK CITY

ESSEX HOUSE

Dear Howland Wood:

Here I am at last - arrived this P.M. - & Dr. Iles brought me your welcome note - for a few days -

As you say you ~~may~~ may not be in the Museum Thursdays I write to ask for an appointment ~~you~~ next Friday - preferably, if ~~you~~ agreeable to you, between 9 and 12 A.M.

Until ~~we~~ meet

Ever yours

Casey A. Wood

May 17, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
Essex House
160 Central Park South
New York City.

Dear Dr. Wood:

This is to let you know just where we are located. We are on the river side of Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets. You enter in the middle of the block on to a terrace and we are three-quarters of the way down on the south or left-hand side. It is a continuous line of buildings from the street down to the end of the terrace. You probably will come up in a taxi as it is the easiest way. Busses also come up and the subway at Columbus Circle will take you up to 157th Street. It is the IRT subway and the trains are marked Van Cortlandt Park or Broadway. Do not take any train marked "Bronx".

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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CIRCLE 7-0300

RADIO AND CABLE ADDRESS
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160 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH
NEW YORK CITY

May 22/34

Dear Howland Wood:

Just a line to say au revoir & give you my address in Montreal [3459 McTavish St., Redpath Library) whither we go this evening.

If there is time to do so I may call you up when we are again in N.Y., but that's doubtful.

May I ask you kindly to send a Larin reprint (with your + my compliments) to Dr. Archibald Malloch, Librarian N.Y. Academy of Medicine, 3 - E. 103rd St.? He wd. appreciate it.

Take care of yourself

Ever yours

Casey A. Wood

May 29, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
295 Wignore Drive
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Wood:

The letter from Nell received and we have sent him one copy only, as the edition is running short and what we have left we wish to sell, the price being $3.00. My own personal copies are down to a low ebb and we could not see any special reason why Nell should give away copies. I am returning his letter. I am also returning the clipping that you sent which I read with much interest. I have just heard from Biddell who has been laid up for three months with sciatica. He enclosed two other clippings which I am sending on to you. Please return these as we want these for our files. By these you will see the news of this hoard in Ceylon has created a slight furore for some busy-bodies who think that the coins should never have left Ceylon. They admit that there is no law to prevent people buying hoards or taking them out of the country. How they expect to get them back is beyond me. I think it is just talk and nothing else although it may tend to make the Treasure Trove Laws more stringent. We have received no direct communication from Ceylon nor do we expect to.

I trust you reached California in good health and hope Mrs. Wood is improving. At one time you sent on several catalogues, clippings etc. of the Ceylon coins together with all of the correspondence about the Larin hoard. Do you wish me to return these to Pasadena. One of the small books by John Still we do not have in our library. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

DR. CASEY WOOD
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

July 21/34.

Dear Howland Wood:

Yours of May 29th mailed to my old address – the one bearing this is my present address – came duly to hand.

I agree with you that the remaining copies of your monograph shd. be sold – not given away. I think I have a copy left & if and when we return to Rome next winter I will send it to ~~him~~ Dr. Bell.

I am returning you all Biddell's clippings; also keep all clippings etc I have sent you. (I am writing Biddell about his) I am quite free of my sciatica now and am comfortably settled with the family & doing a little work. I trust everything is well with you. I have been rereading the clippings & am much satisfied with the outcome of our work – or rather your work. There is nothing at all in the "equals" from Ceylon; they have nothing to complain of.

Ever yours

Casey A. Wood

July 31, 1934.

Dr. Casey Wood
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Many thanks for your letter; I appreciate that you are probably burdened with a large correspondence. I have sent Dr. Nell one additional copy only of my monograph. He must be content as far as I am concerned with two copies.

I have just received a long letter from Biddell. He is really "not so good" and it looks as if he was in for a siege of it. He may have to return to England, something that he dislikes very much as he is very fond of Ceylon. The letter was written from the General Hospital at Colombo. He finds it very hard work to walk and finds it very painful. An x-ray showed he had two ulcerated teeth. I have been in rather good shape of late and I am planning to go to the country for a month beginning next week. I have heard no more concerning the up-roar in Ceylon.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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19 September 1934

Dr. Casey A. Wood
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Wood:

Your note of 29 July and your picture were on my desk when I came back on Monday. You must think I am an ungrateful wretch for not having answered before, but we were all up on Cape Cod. We are very pleased to have the photograph, for you know you are one who has been very kind to us. I am delighted to hear that your wife is better. Please give her my regards.

I suppose you are as busy as ever with the Arabians. I hate to jog your memory, but you know that that piece of hook money is in our family museum and quite thrilling the children, who took it to show at school in some current events class. You very kindly said that you would send me an account of such currency — not so current as it was!

They have started printing the Charaka Club volume.

Yours very sincerely,

Archibald Malloch

Archibald Malloch, M.D.

October 2, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
The Athenaeum
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I was sufficiently touched, or possibly appealed to, by your correspondence with Dr. Malloch to send him a copy of the Larin Hoard.

I have heard nothing especially about this find from Ceylon for sometime. The monsoon, or whatever wind they have there, must have blown most of the poison out of the sore-heads' minds. I owe Biddell a long letter which I am going to write shortly. In one of my recent letters to you I asked you what disposal you wish made of the several pamphlets in the folio of correspondence that you sent on sometime ago in reference to these larins. Unless you really want it, the bound book of pamphlets by John Still would be much appreciated here, as we have none of his writings. I have had a rather confused and mixed up summer due to having to go to Boston several times, dodging the heat and later the rain, but have now settled back into routine at the office. I trust that you have been keeping well and that Mrs. Wood is much better.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

DR. CASEY WOOD
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

8 October 1934

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155 and 156 Sts.,
New York, New York.

Dear Howland Wood:

Just a brief note to thank you for relieving friend Malloch's anxiety. It will be appreciated.

That kind deed emboldens me to ask you to do another - really my last request. I have, foolishly I think, given away all my* reprints and if you can wangle just one for me I shall be greatly obliged.

The John Still material is yours. I suggest that you have the correspondence also bound and indexed for your library.

Ever yours,

CAW:B

* Carin

October 15, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I am having mailed to you from our ever diminishing stock a copy of the Larin article. I warn you, however, do not give it away but hold on to it yourself! I will will turn over to Mr. Noe, the Librarian, the various books and correspondence on the matter. I wish to thank you for turning these over to us.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

December 19, 1934.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
The Athenaeum
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Wood:

The larin pamphlet came to hand the other day and your newsy Christmas card yesterday. Don't rob yourself of any of the larin pamphlets. We have a few left - I was simply not wasting any. I see you are on the wing again and I wish you all pleasure and success. With the Compliments of the Season, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 18, 1935.

Dr. Casey A. Wood
%American Express Company
Rome, Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of several of our monographs that you have been mailing to me. We are naturally glad to get these, as we are running low, but do not rob yourself of too many of them, as you probably will want a few from time to time. We have been getting along here in the usual manner, although we have had somewhat of a cold winter. I trust that you are keeping well and that you find Italy agreeing with you.

I have no especial news to report, with the exception that a long article just published in the Dutch Numismatic Periodical on the Coins of the Dutch East Indies refers to my monograph several times.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator